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COMMENTS:

Further to our telephone conversation today, attached is a copy of the Third Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b), along with new exhibits Q & R and previously submitted exhibits B, C, & E, a copy of the Third Supplemental Statement of Edward Wright, and a copy of the Request for Suspension of Action Under 37 CFR 1.103(a). A copy of the date-stamped postcard receipt, indicating the date of filing of May 2, 2005, is also attached.

Also, this will confirm that our client Free-Flow Packaging International, who is now the sole owner of the application, intends to abandon this application.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Respectfully submitted,

/Paul M. Rivard/
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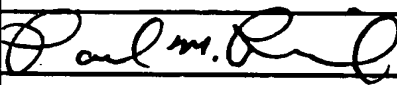
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	First Named Inventor	Pieter Aquarius et al.
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Date	May 2, 2005	Reg. No.	43,446

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Application Number	10/031,111
Filing Date	01/08/2002
First Named Inventor	Pieter Aquarius et al.
Art Unit	TBD
Examiner Name	TBD
Attorney Docket Number	006759.00034

Enclosed is a paper filed under 37 CFR 1.103(a) that requires a processing fee (37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), or (h)). Payment of \$ 130.00 is enclosed.

This form should be included with the above-mentioned paper and faxed or mailed to the Office using the appropriate Mail Stop, (e.g., Mail Stop Petition), if applicable. For transmittal of petition fees under 37 CFR 1.17(i) see form PTO/SB/17i.

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Petition Fees under 37 CFR 1.17(f): Fee \$400 Fee Code 1462

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- § 1.53(e) - to accord a filing date.
- § 1.67(a) - to accord a filing date.
- § 1.182 - for decision on a question not specifically provided for.
- § 1.183 - to suspend the rules.
- § 1.378(e) - for reconsideration of decision on petition refusing to accept delayed payment of maintenance fee in an expired patent.
- § 1.741(b) - to accord a filing date to an application under § 1.740 for extension of a patent term.

Petition Fees under 37 CFR 1.17(g): Fee \$200 Fee Code 1463

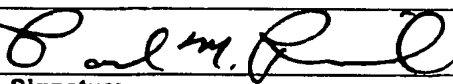
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- § 1.12 - for access to an assignment record.
- § 1.14 - for access to an application.
- § 1.47 - for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor.
- § 1.59 - for expungement of information.
- § 1.103(a) - to suspend action in an application.
- § 1.136(b) - for review of a request for extension of time when the provisions of section 1.136(a) are not available.
- § 1.295 - for review of refusal to publish a statutory invention registration.
- § 1.296 - to withdraw a request for publication of a statutory invention registration filed on or after the date the notice of intent to publish issued.
- § 1.377 - for review of decision refusing to accept and record payment of a maintenance fee filed prior to expiration of a patent.
- § 1.550(c) - for patent owner requests for extension of time in ex parte reexamination proceedings.
- § 1.956 - for patent owner requests for extension of time in inter partes reexamination proceedings.
- § 5.12 - for expedited handling of a foreign filing license.
- § 5.15 - for changing the scope of a license.
- § 5.25 - for retroactive license.

Petition Fees under 37 CFR 1.17(h): Fee \$130 Fee Code 1464

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- § 1.19(g) - to request documents in a form other than that provided in this part.
- § 1.84 - for accepting color drawings or photographs.
- § 1.91 - for entry of a model or exhibit.
- § 1.102(d) - to make an application special.
- § 1.138(c) - to expressly abandon an application to avoid publication.
- § 1.313 - to withdraw an application from issue.
- § 1.314 - to defer issuance of a patent.



Signature

May 2, 2005

Date

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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Pieter Aquarius et al.

Application No. 10/031,111

Filed: January 8, 2002

For: DEVICE FOR
MANUFACTURING CUSHIONS
FILLED WITH A MEDIUM,
SERIES OF CUSHIONS AND
CUSHION MANUFACTURED
BY SUCH A DEVICE, AND
TUBULAR FOIL

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

Examiner: Not Assigned

Atty Docket: 006759.00034

REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(a)

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Sir:

Rule 47(b) Applicant Free-Flow Packaging International, Inc. ("Free-Flow")¹ hereby requests suspension of action in the above-captioned application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(a). Please charge \$ 130 for the petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h)) to our Deposit Account 19-0733. If this amount is incorrect, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit 19-0733 for any deficiency or overpayment.

¹ A Third Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) is submitted concurrently herewith.

On October 3, 1997 Free-Flow (through its subsidiary Flo-Pak BV) and Case Packaging Sales Europe BV ("CPS") entered into an agreement for the development of air cushion machines. The agreement provided the parties jointly own intellectual property rights to technology developed under the agreement. The agreement also provided that an uncured breach by either party would result in transfer of the jointly owned intellectual property rights to the non-breaching party. The agreement was terminated in October 2001, and litigation over the agreement presently is ongoing in the Netherlands between Free-Flow and CPS. CPS asserts that ownership of this application should be awarded to CPS. Free-Flow asserts that ownership should be awarded to Free-Flow. If the Dutch litigation is resolved in Free-Flow's favor, Free-Flow will advise the USPTO accordingly and will submit an information disclosure statement to include material information from the litigation as well as any other material information of which Free-Flow is aware.

Given that ownership of the application presently is in dispute in the Dutch litigation, Applicant respectfully submits that it would be appropriate to suspend prosecution of the subject application until the Dutch litigation is resolved. Applicant requests that the maximum suspension permitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(a), i.e., six (6) months, be awarded at this time.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below if doing so would be helpful to resolve any outstanding issues.

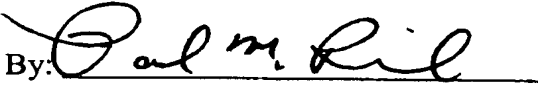
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